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Please find below a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application

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The amendment filed 1/18/00 as paper no 25, is not fully responsive to the communication mailed 10/6/99 for the reason(s) set forth below:

The Amendment filed 1/18/00 request a CPA and would allow for entry of the second, most recently filed, set of proposed claims submitted for amendment after final, Amendment D, filed 9/10/99 as Paper no 20. However, upon review of the case, the Examiner has noticed that the first set of claims submitted after final as Amendment C, filed 7/19/99 as Paper no 15, has actually been entered in to the case. It is not clear whether this is due to an error in the office or whether applicant's intend to begin prosecution in this CPA using the claim set proposed 7/19/99. Upon review of the papers in the file, the Examiner was unable to determine which set of claims were intended to be entered. In order to get the case in condition for examination, applicant is requested to clarify this discrepancy. The Examiner apologies for any inadvertent inconvenience.

- 2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
- Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Julie E. Burke, nee Reeves, Ph.D., Art Unit 1642, whose telephone number is (703)308-7553. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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